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To the Public Health Committee,

I make my living as a professional genealogist whose specialty is Connecticut families. I travel to Hartford once a week to do research. If I was turned away at city hall, I would not have an option to come back the next day to research.

During the first week of April, I will be one of the leaders of a research tour group that will spend nearly a week in Hartford. This group, led by the New England Historic Genealogy Society, consists of people from across the country who can trace their roots back to Connecticut. We will stay in Connecticut hotels, dine at Connecticut restaurants, etc.

It is funny that the small towns can post their regular hours, like Roxbury, where I grew up. I can understand that they are only open a few hours a week. I can plan within that schedule. What I cannot understand is when the five cities with Bureaus of Vital Statistics cannot make themselves open for even the small amount of time that Roxbury manages. Instead of lowering standards of service, we rely on the Public Health Committee to raise standards of service.

Yours, Barbara Mathews

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